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The family of George Walker, a member of the Society of Friends who settled at Philadelphia before 1690, has not yet been described genealogically. It is proposed to give here some extracts from Pennsylvania records concerning this family, followed by a pedigree in the usual form.

PROBATE RECORDS

1. Verbatim copy of the Will of GEORGE WALKER.

I, George Walker of Philadelphia in the province of Pennsylvania being weake of Body But of Sound Judgment & understanding prayed be the name of the Lord for his goodness towards me, But Considering the frailty of this Mortall Life and the uncertainty thereof I have at this time made my Last will and Testament and as to that worldly Estate it hath pleased God to Bless me withall, my will is that the same be Disposed of (after all

my Just Debts are payd and other charges Defrayed) in manner following, Vizt.:—

First, I give & Bequeath unto my two grand children being the children of my son Joseph Walker unto Each of them ten shillings and as to the Remainder of my Estate Both Houses Lands goods & Chattells I give & Bequeath the same unto my Dear & Loving wife Ann Walker to Sell & Dispose of the same as she shall see cause for & towards her maintenance & support and after the Decease of my said wife my will is That all such Houses Lands Lotts goods Chattels & merchandizes that shall remaine of my Estate shall be Equailly divided between my son Emanuell Walker & my Daughter Rachell Reeves and to their heirs for Ever unto Each of them an Equile Share, That is to say to my son Emanuell & my Daughter Rachell each an half or in case of Either of their decease to their Child or Children & for want of such Child or Children to the Survivor of my said son or daughters Children or child or for want of such Issue to my son Josephs Children.

And lastly, I do ordaine my said wife Sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament, Revoking all former wills by me heretofore made. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & affixed my seal at Philadelphia this twenty second day of the twelfth month called February Anno Dni. 1700.

GEO : WALKER L. S.

Signed sealed published & declared in ye presence of us

Francis Cooke
John Kinsey

Proved 28 Dec. 1703 by Ann Walker the relict and executrix named.
(Philadelphia City Hall: Probate Registry: Book B, p. 465; Original Will: 1703: No. 170). No inventory.

2. Verbatim copy of the Will of JOSEPH WALKER.

I, Joseph Walker of Philadelphia Skinner being at this time very weak of Body But of sound and perfect Memory (prayed be God for his Goodness towards mee) And Considering the Certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time hereof I have thought good at this time to make my last Will & Testament. And as to that worldly Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to Bless me with all, my will is that the same be disposed of in manner & form following. vizt. Imprimis, I give & bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Margaret my Executrix hereafter named one full third part of all my Estate both real & personal during her life and the other two third pts. of my Estate to be equally divided Between my two Children Joseph and Sarah share & share alike, and to the survivor of them his her & their heirs, for ever, and after the decease of my said wife, then my will is that all my said Estate both real & personal shall remain & be unto my said Children Joseph & Sarah share & share Like & to the Survivor of them his & her heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Boyer of Philadelphia turner all my wearing apparell except one garment which my said wife may Choose, And then after my said debts are paid & funerall charges are defrayed, then my will is as above said. And lastly I do appoint my said dear & loving wife Executrix of this my last Will & testament, and also my son Joseph to be Co operator with my said wife: And I doe Appoint Francis Cook and Abel Noble overseers to Assist my said Children (if need shall require) And this I do declare to be my last Will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this tenth day of August Anno Domi. 1697.

JOSEPH WALKER L. S.

Witnesses: Seemercy Adams, John Moon, Michael Jamen, Hugh Bawden.
 Proved 1 Sept. 1697 by the relict and executrix named.
 (Philadelphia City Hall: Probate Registry: Book A, p. 363; Original Will: 1697: No. 153). The Inventory of the Estate of Joseph Walker of Philadelphia was taken 1 Sept. 1697, and acknowledged by Margaret Walker the executrix. Total, £272 7s.

3. Verbatim copy of the Will of MARGARET WALKER.

I Margaret Walker of the City of Philadelphia widow, being sick & weake of Body but of a good understanding, praised be the Lord for his goodness & mercy towards me Do hereby make my Last Will & Testament in manner following. first, my will is that all my debts bee paid & funerall charges defraied after my Decease. Secondly I give unto my Sister Nayler such of my wearing apparell as will not be suitable for my Daughter and I would have my husband's apparel made fitt for my son as he shall have occasion And my will is that all my other goods be sold as my Executors shall see fitt in order to maintain my Children. And Lastly I do ordain my friend Thomas Sisom of this City & County yeoman & my Brother John Nailor Executors or Executor of this my Last Will & Testament Revoking all former wills by me made & this I do declare to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal this ninth day of October Anno Dni 1702.

The mark of
 M L. S.
 Margaret Walker

Witnesses: Abel Noble, Francis Cooke.

Proved 12 Oct. 1702 by Thomas Sisom and John Naylor, the executors named.

Inventory taken by David Brentnall & Robert Borrows 12 of the 8th. month called October 1702. £54 4s. 9d.

(Philadelphia City Hall: Probate Registry: Book B, p. 226; Original Will: 1702: No. 85).

4. Verbatim copy of the Will of EMANUEL WALKER.

I Emanuel Walker of the City of Philadelphia in the Province of Pensilvania Carpenter being sick and weak in body but thro' mercy of Sound and disposing mind and memory Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as herein after follows revoking all former and other Wills Legacies and Bequests whatsoever by me at any time heretofore made willed or bequeathed either by word or writing. First I Will That all my Just Debts and Funeral Expences be duly paid and discharged by my Executrix herein after named with all Convenient Speed after my decease. Also I Give and Bequeath unto Each of my five Daughters the Sum of Forty Shillings lawfull money of America apiece. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my dear and wellbeloved wife Margaret Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby nominate and appoint my Trusty Friends Anthony Morris and Evan Owen both of the City of Philadelphia aforesaid to be Trustees to advise and Assist my said Wife in the Management of my Estate. And I do also hereby give full power and Authority unto my said Wife and Executrix (by and with the advice & Consent of the said Trustees) To Bargain Sell and Convey all or any part of my real Estate to any person or persons in fee simple or otherwise as fully as I might or Could do in person for the better more Effectual and speedy payments of Debts and Legacies And as for the residue and remainder of my Estate after the said Debts and Legacies are paid I give and bequeath the same to my wife Margaret aforesaid by her to be dis-

posed of and divided amongst my Children as she may discretionally think fitt In Witness whereof I the said Emanuel Walker have put my hand and seal unto this my last Will and Testament. Dated the seventeenth day of December in the Tenth year of the Reign of King George over Great Britain &c. and in the year of Our Lord 1723.

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E

Emanuel Walker

Witnesses: Joseph Paschall, Thomas Oldman, Evan Jones, Jno. Cadwalader. Proved 4 April 1726 by Margaret Walker, the relict and executrix named. (Philadelphia City Hall: Probate Registry: Book E, p. 76).

5. Administration of the estate of JOSEPH WALKER late of Middletown, Bucks Co., Pa., yeoman. Letters issued 16 Oct. 1759 to Sarah Walker the widow of the intestate, and to Joseph and Robert Walker, the intestate's sons. Fellow-bondsmen: Joseph Richardson and John Woolston all of Middletown. Bond: £1200. Inventory exhibited 16 Nov. 1759. (Administration Book A, p. 33, no. 1000; Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.).

6. Verbatim copy of the Will of SARAH WALKER.

I Sarah Walker of Middletown in the County of Bucks in the Province of Pennsylvania Widow do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form Following that is to Say, Imprimis I will that all my Just Debts and funeral Expenses be paid. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth Noble the Sum of Ten Pounds of Good and Lawful Money of Pennsylvania to be paid to her in One Year after my Decease if She in her Own proper person may think Convenient to Call for and to Demand the same, But if my said Sister Elizabeth should not think it Convenient for her to Call for the Ten pounds so Willed to her on the Conditions aforesaid then in such Case I give the same to my Daughter Sarah Thornton. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my Sister Grace Croasdale the Sum of Five Pounds Current money of Pennsylvania to be paid to her in One Year after my Decease. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my Son George Walker the Sum of Sixty pounds Lawful Money of Pennsylvania to be paid to him by my Executors hereafter named at such times and in such Sums as they at their Discretion shall Conceive most Conduive to the Benefit of him my said Son George Walker and his Children. Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Grace Scott One Bond of Sixty pounds which I have now in my possession against my Son George Walker together with a Mortgage I have for the Security thereof on the two Lotts (situate in Artleborough) which Robert Croasdale and Margery his Wife Conveyed to my said Son George in fee, to hold to her, her Heirs and Assigns for Ever, and Likewise I Give to my Daughter Grace Scott my Caise of Drawers. Item, I Give and Devise to my Daughter Sarah Thornton One Bond of Eighty Pounds which I have now in my possession against her Husband John Thornton together with a Mortgage I have for the Security thereof on a Lott Situate in Attleborough aforesaid which the Representatives of John Briggs Conveyed unto the said John Thornton her Husband in Fee, To hold to her my said Daughter Sarah and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever; Likewise I Give to my Daughter Sarah Thornton my Feather Bed with all the Furniture thereunto belonging. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Margreat (*sic*) Cary wife of Samson Cary the Sum of Sixty Pounds Lawful Money of Pennsylvania to be paid to her by my said Executors any time or Times after One Year after my Decease, in such Sum or Sums as She herself think most Convenient to ask for or Demand the same. Item, I

Give to my Daughters Grace Scott, Sarah Thornton, and Margaret Cary all my Wearing Apparil to be Equally Divided among them my said three Daughters Share and Share alike. Item, I Give to my said Daughter Sarah Thornton my Large Bible to be Purchased for her by my said Executors and to be paid for Out of my Estate. All the Rest, Residue and Remainder of my Estate of what kind the same may be, I will to be Equally Divided between my Sons Joseph Walker, Robert Walker and Emanuel Walker and my Daughters Grace Scott, Sarah Thornton and Margaret Cary Equally Between them Share and Share alike. And Further I do hereby Constitute Nominate and appoint my Son Joseph Walker and my Daughter Sarah Thornton and my Son in Law John Thornton Joint Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. Lastly I do hereby Revoke and make Void all Other Wills by me heretofore made, Declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand and Seal this Thirty-first day of July in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Eight.

SARAH WALKER L. S.

Witnesses: Gilbert Hicks, Sarah Britton, Abraham Britton.

Proved 26 Aug. 1768 by Sarah Thornton, one of the executors named.

(Will Book 3, p. 183, No. 1244, Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.).

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7. Verbatim copy of the Will of EMANUEL WALKER

I Emanuel Walker of the Citty of Philadelphia Mercht being of a sound and well disposed mind and memory bless'd be the Lord for the same and all other his Mercies and favours Considering the uncertainty of time in this Transitory world do for the better Setteling such Temporel Estate as it hath pleased the Almighty to bestow upon me make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz my mind and will is that all my Just Debts and funeral Expences be fully Satisfyed as soon as may be after my decease by my Executors hereafter named I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving Wife Anne the full right Title and Use of my dwelling Hous Sittuate on Chancery lane in Philadelphia during her Widdowhood or so long as she Remains my Widdow. I give and bequeath unto her all my House and Kitchen Furniture and Five hundred Pounds Current lawful Money of Pensylvania to be paid her on demand by my Executors hearin after named. I give & Bequeth unto my Son Joseph the Residue of Estate Real and Personal to him his Heirs and Assigns for Eaver he Yealding and Paying the Leggisseys herein after specified that is to say unto my Doughter Sarah Fifty Pounds, but in Case of her death or decease to be paid to her Children Shear and shear alike and to my Son Samuel Four hundred Pounds and to my Doughter Mary Fifty Pounds and to my Doughter Anne Two hundred Pounds and to my Doughter Bulah Fifty Pounds and to my Son John Five hundred Pounds when he doath arive at the Age of Twenty one Years ould. I nominate constitute and appint my said dear Wife Anne and my said Son Joseph the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. Lastly I do Revoke all former and other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made and Published And declare these presents only to be and Contain my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this tenth day of the tenth Month in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & Ninety

EM^l WALKER L. S.

Witnesses: Mahlon Hutchinson, John Engle, Fras Harrison.

Proved by Joseph Walker, the surviving executor (the executrix being deceased) 13 Jan. 1794. (Philadelphia City Hall: Probate Registry: Book X, p. 17; Original Will: 1794, No. 11).

ORPHANS' COURT RECORDS

Estate of Joseph Walker. The children are George Walker, Joseph Walker, Grace Scott, Sarah Palmer, Robert Walker, Emanuel Walker and Margaret Cary, all over 21. The inventory of the estate was taken 16 Oct. 1759 by Joseph Richardson, John Woolston and William Paxton. It amounted to £728 4s. 8d. In the first distribution, George Walker received goods worth £3 10s; Grace Scott goods worth £4 17s; Sarah Palmer goods worth £22 18s. 6d; Emanuel Walker goods worth £14; Margaret Cary goods worth £24 8s. (Bucks County Orphans' Court Records, File 290; Year 1760; County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.).

RECORDS OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Joseph Walker was on the Jury of Grand Inquest, June term, 1727, to consider the case of James Heaton, John Heaton and Benjamin Heaton, accused of stealing two hogs.

Joseph Walker was on the Jury of Grand Inquest, 14 Dec. 1727.

Joseph Walker was ordered to survey land, March 1727/8.

Joseph Walker was on the Jury of Grand Inquest, 11 Sept. 1730.

Joseph Walker was elected Supervisor of the highway at Middletown in Sept. 1730, to serve for the ensuing year.

(Bucks County Minute Book: Common Pleas & Quarter Sessions).

FRIENDS' RECORDS

Philadelphia Monthly Meeting

- 1691, 1st. month (March) 27: Joseph Walker liberated to marry Margaret Cutler.
- 1697, 6th. month (Aug.) 23: Joseph Walker buried.
- 1699, 4th. month (June) 30: Emanuel Walker liberated to marry Margaret Matthews.
- 1699, 11th. month (Jan. 1699/1700) 8: John, son of Manuell and Margrett Walker died.
- 1702, 4th. month (June) 14: George, son of Emanuel & Margrett Walker died.
- 1702, 8th. month (Oct.) 11: Margrett, widow of Joseph Walker, died.
- 1702, 9th. month (Nov.) 1: George Walker died.
- 1707/8, 11th. month (Jan.) 24: Ann, widow of George Walker, buried.
- 1711, 8th. month (Oct.) 9: George, son of Manuell & Margrett Walker, died.
- 1723, 10th. month (Dec.) 22: Emanuel Walker died.
- 1743, 9th. month (Nov.) 1: Margrett Walker died.
- 1782, 5th. month (May) 31: Emanuel Walker & wife Ann & children Samuel, Mary, Ann, Beulah & John received on certificate from Chester Monthly Meeting, held at Providence, dated 23 of 4th. month (April) 1782.
- 1793, 9th. month (Sept.) 30: Ann Walker buried.
- 1793, 10th. month (Oct.) 8: Emanuel Walker buried.

Falls Monthly Meeting

- 1754, 5th. month (May) 1: George Walker reported married to Mary Palmer.
- 1755, 5th. month (May) 7: Mary Walker granted certificate to Middletown Monthly Meeting.
- 1756, 5th. month (May) 5: John Palmer, Jr., granted certificate to Middletown Monthly Meeting, to marry Sarah Walker.

- 1768, 7th. month (July) 6: Emanuel Walker & wife Anne & children Joseph, Sarah, Samuel, Mary & Anne received on certificate from Haverford Monthly Meeting.
- 1773, 6th. month (June) 2: Emanuel Walker & wife Anne & children Joseph, Sarah, Samuel, Mary, Anne & Beulah granted certificate to Abington Monthly Meeting.

Middletown Monthly Meeting

- 1722/3, 11th. month (Jan.) (no day): Joseph Walker and Sarah Heaton married.
- 1723/4, 11th. month (Jan.) 23: George, son of Joseph & Sarah Walker, born.
- 1731, 6th. month (Aug.) 8: Robert, son of Joseph & Sarah Walker, born.
- 1756, 5th. month (May) 18: John Palmer, Jr., and Sarah Walker married.
- 1758, 4th. month (April) 20: Emanuel Walker and Ann Cary married.
- 1760, 11th. month (Nov.) 13: John Thornton and Sarah Palmer married.

Minutes of Middletown Monthly Meeting

- 1752, 8th. month (Aug.) 6: John Watson, Joseph Walker, & Abraham Griffith are appointed to attend the service of the Quarterly Meeting.
- 1753, 2nd. month (Feb.) 1: William Paxson requesting to be released from being the meetings Treasurer, John Watson is appointed to that service in his stead, and Joseph Walker & John Woolston are appointed to settle the accompts with William and report the state thereof to the meeting.
- 1753, 10th. month (Oct.) 4: Intentions of marriage of Jonathan Palmer of Falls and Jael Blake of Middletown reported. Joseph Walker & Joseph Richardson are appointed to take care that what belongs to the said Jael's children is properly secured for them, and to report their proceedings therein to the next meeting.
- 1753, 11th. month (Nov.) 1: Joseph Walker & Joseph Richardson are appointed to see that Jonathan Palmer & Jael Blake's marriage is decently accomplished.
- 1753, 11th. month (Nov.) 1: Joseph Walker, Richard Sands & James Thackeray appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting.

Quaker Marriage Certificate of John and Sarah Thornton

Whereas John Thornton Son of Joseph Thornton Deceased of Newtown in the County of Bucks and Province of Pennsylvania and Sarah Palmer widow Daughter of Joseph Walker of Middletown in the County and Province Afforesaid Deceas'd having Declared their Intention of Marriage with Each Other before Several Monthly Meetings of the People Called Quakers at their Meeting House in Middletown in the County Afforesaid According to the good order Used Amongst them and having Consent of Parents and Relations Concerned their said Proposals of Marriage was allowed by the said Meeting.

Now these are to Certifie whom it may Concern that for the full Accomplishing their said Intention This Thirteenth day of the Eleventh Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty, they the said John Thornton and Sarah Palmer Appeared in a Publick Assembly of the aforesaid People mett Together in their Meeting house at Middletown Afforesaid, and the said John Thornton Taking the said Sarah Palmer by the hand did in A Solemn Manner Openly Declare that he took her the said Sarah Palmer to be his wife Promising Through the Lords Assistance

to be unto her A Loving and faithful Husband untill Death Should Separate them and their In the same Assembly the said Sarah Palmer Did in Like Manner Declare that she took the said John Thornton to be her Husband Promising Through the Lords Assistance to be unto him A Faithful and Loving wife untill Death should Separate them And Moreover they the said John Thornton and Sarah Palmer She according to the Custom of Marriage Assuming the Name of her Husband as A further Confirmation thereof Did then and there to these Presents set their hands and we whose Names are hereunto Also Subscribed being Present at the Solemnization of the said Marriage and Subscription in Manner Afforesaid have as Witnesses thereunto Sett our hands the day and year Above Written.

Wm. Paxon
Thomas Paxon
George Merriek
Deliverance Hayhurst
Ann Paxon
Mercy Comfort
Stephen Comfort
Robt. Collison
James Thackray
Saml. Cary
Mary Palmer
Isaac Stackhous
Mary Stackhous
Joseph Thackray
Saml. Cary Jun.

Hananeel Cary
Robert Walker
Mary Linton
Mary Richardson
Mary Beakes
Sarah Walker
Grace Scott
Margaret Thomson
Jos. Thornton
Wm. Ashburn
Emanuel Walker
Ann Walker
Sarah Palmer
Jonathan Scott

JOHN THORNTON
SARAH THORNTON

PEDIGREE OF THE FAMILY OF GEORGE WALKER

1. GEORGE WALKER, a member of the Society of Friends, arrived in Pennsylvania before 1690, and settled in the city of Philadelphia. The place from which he came in England has not yet been discovered. He made his will on 22 February 1700/1. He died at Philadelphia 1 November 1702, and the will was proved 28 December 1703. He married (presumably in England) ANN ———, who survived him and was the executrix of his will. She was buried at Philadelphia 24 January 1707/8.

Children, presumably born in England, order unknown:

2. i. JOSEPH.
- ii. RACHEL, m. before 22 Feb. 1700/1 ——— REEVES.
- iii. EMANUEL, carpenter, of Philadelphia, d. at Philadelphia 22 Dec. 1723, leaving a will dated 17 Dec. 1723, proved 4 April 1726. He m. at Philadelphia very soon after 30 June 1699, MARGARET MATTHEWS, who survived him and was executrix of his will. She d. at Philadelphia 1 Nov. 1743.

Children, born at Philadelphia (order unknown):

1. John, b. ———; d. at Philadelphia 8 Jan. 1699/1700.
2. George, b. ———; d. at Philadelphia 14 June 1702.
3. George, b. ———; d. at Philadelphia 9 Oct. 1711.
- 4., 5., 6., 7., 8. Five daughters (not named) mentioned in the will of Emanuel Walker.

2. JOSEPH WALKER (*George*), a member of the Society of Friends, by trade a skinner, was presumably born in England. He came to Philadelphia with his parents by 1690, and he died at Philadelphia in August 1697, and was buried 23 August 1697, leaving a will dated 10 August 1697, and proved 1 September 1697. The value of his estate was £272 7s. Joseph Walker married very soon after 27 March 1691 MARGARET CUTLER of Philadelphia. Margaret was certainly a sister of Jane Cutler, who married John Naylor by Friends' Ceremony at the house of James Dilworth at Neshaminy, Bucks Co., Pa., 11 July 1685 (Middletown Monthly Meeting Records). Jane and Margaret Cutler were very probably sisters of Edmund and John Cutler, natives of Woodhouse in Bowland, co. York, England, who came to Pennsylvania in 1685, bringing a certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Settle, co. York, dated 3 of 4th. month (June) 1685. Edmund Cutler was the elder brother, and he brought with him from England his wife Isabel, and their children Elizabeth, Thomas and William. John Cutler, the younger brother, was unmarried at this time. The Cutler brothers came to America on the ship *Rebecca* of Liverpool, which arrived in the Delaware River on 31 Oct. 1685; and the Cutlers settled at Middletown in Bucks Co. In as much as Jane (Cutler) Naylor was already a member of the Middletown Monthly Meeting, and in as much as Edmund Cutler named two of his daughters who were born in Pennsylvania Margaret (b. 11 March 1690/1) and Jane (bur. 4 Nov. 1715), it seems very likely that Edmund and John Cutler were brothers of Jane (Cutler) Naylor and Margaret (Cutler) Walker.

Margaret (Cutler) Walker did not long survive her husband. She died 11 October 1702, leaving a will dated 9 October, and proved 12 October 1702.

Children:

3. i. JOSEPH, b. ca. 1691-2.
- ii. SARAH, b. (say) 1693-4. She was named as a legatee in the wills of her father in 1697, of her grandfather in 1700/1, and of her mother in 1702. No further information.

3. JOSEPH WALKER (*Joseph, George*) was born presumably at Philadelphia, about 1691-2. He died shortly before 16 October 1759, when letters of administration on his estate were issued to his widow Sarah Walker. He and his sister Sarah were left orphans at an early age, and Joseph (and perhaps also Sarah) must have been taken to Bucks Co., Pa., to live with Margaret (Cutler) Walker's sister, Jane (Cutler) Naylor, whose husband, John Naylor, had been one of Margaret's executors.

Joseph Walker became a substantial member of the Quaker

community at Middletown, Bucks Co. He served on the Jury of Grand Inquest in 1727, 1727/8, and 1730. He was elected Supervisor of the Highway at Middletown in September 1730, to serve for a year. In 1752 and 1753, he was chosen by the Middletown Monthly Meeting of Friends to do work of a responsible nature for the Meeting.

Joseph Walker was married at the Middletown Meeting House in January 1722/3 to SARAH HEATON, daughter of Robert and Alice (Pearson) Heaton, of Middletown Township. She was born in Middletown Township 28 September 1701, and died there in August 1768, leaving a long will, dated 31 July 1768, proved 26 August 1768.

Children, born in Middletown Township, Bucks Co., Pa.:

- i. GEORGE, b. 23 Jan. 1723/4. He was apparently not considered quite trustworthy by his mother, who bequeathed him £60, with the stipulation that the money be held in trust for him by her executors. He m. shortly before 1 May 1754, MARY PALMER, perhaps the daughter of John and Ann Palmer, of Lower Makefield Township, Bucks Co. If this identification be correct, she was b. 14 March 1725/6, and was a sister of John Palmer, Jr., who m. Sarah Walker (see below).
- ii. JOSEPH, b. ca. 1725-6. His mother nominated him one of her executors and residuary legatees in 1768. He m. (as second wife?) in 1764 RUTH BEAKES, eldest child of Stacy and Mary (Bickerdike) Beakes, of Falls Township, Bucks Co. She was b. 7 March 1734/5.
- iii. GRACE, b. ca. 1728, received a bond worth £60, a chest of drawers, and also a share of the residuary estate in her mother's will in 1768. She m. BENJAMIN SCOTT.
- iv. SARAH, b. ca. 1730; d. at the residence of her son-in-law, Mahlon Hutchinson, at Philadelphia, Pa., 21 Oct. 1808, "aged 77." She was evidently her mother's favorite child, for in the latter's will of 1768, Sarah received a bond and mortgage worth £80 (£20 more than the other daughters got), plus her mother's feather bed and Family Bible, and a share in the apparel and the residuary estate; and finally it was Sarah who acted as her mother's executrix. Sarah Walker m. (1) at the Middletown Meeting House, 18 May 1756, JOHN PALMER, Jr., of Bensalem Township, Bucks Co., wheelwright, son of John and Ann Palmer of Lower Makefield Township. He was b. 31 March 1722, and d. 24 Aug. 1756, after only 3 months of marriage (Admon. 4 Sept. 1756 to his father, John Palmer, the widow, Sarah Palmer, having renounced).¹ Sarah (Walker) Palmer m. (2) at the Middletown Meeting House, 13 Nov. 1760, JOHN THORNTON of Newtown, Bucks Co., innkeeper, son of Joseph and Margaret (Gale) Thornton. He was b. at Newtown 3 March 1734/5, and d. there shortly before 27 April 1786, when letters of administration on his estate were issued to his widow Sarah and his second son John. John Thornton's father, Joseph, had built and operated a tavern called Thornton's Tavern (later called the Court Inn) at Newtown, and after Joseph's death in 1752, the tavern was run by his widow Margaret, and later the

¹ Bucks Co. Administration Book A, p. 30, no. 905; County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.

management passed to their son John, who ran the tavern until his death in 1786.² Sarah (Walker) (Palmer) Thornton removed from Newtown to Philadelphia between 6 Sept. and 26 Oct. 1787.

Sarah (Walker) (Palmer) Thornton had one daughter by her first marriage, and three sons and two daughters by her second marriage.

- v. ROBERT, b. 8 Aug. 1731, one of the residuary legatees in his mother's will in 1768; m. 1761 MARY LINTON, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Blackshaw) Linton. She was b. 18 Sept. 1738.
- vi. EMANUEL, b. ca. 1733; bur. at Philadelphia 8 Oct. 1793. He became a wealthy merchant at Philadelphia, and he disposed of considerable sums in his will, dated 10 Oct. 1790, and proved 13 Jan. 1794. He m. at Middletown Meeting House 20 April 1758 ANN CARY, daughter of Samson Cary, of Falls Township, Bucks Co. Emanuel and Ann (Cary) Walker seem to have left the Middletown Monthly Meeting district soon after their marriage, and to have removed to the Haverford Monthly Meeting district, Chester Co., Pa. They returned to Bucks Co. in 1768, bringing a certificate from the Haverford Monthly Meeting to the Falls Monthly Meeting, dated 6 of 7th. month (July) 1768. Emanuel was one of his mother's residuary legatees in 1768. The family removed to Abington, Philadelphia Co., in 1773, bearing a certificate dated 2 June 1773. Soon after this, they must have removed to Chester, Pa., and there spent the Revolutionary years. In 1782, they made a final removal to the city of Philadelphia, bringing a certificate from the Chester Monthly Meeting dated 31 May 1782. From the size of the bequests he made, it is evident that Emanuel Walker prospered during this peripatetic career. His wife, Ann (Cary) Walker, d. shortly before he did, and was bur. at Philadelphia 30 Sept. 1793.

Children:

- 1. *Joseph*, executor of his father's will in 1794.
- 2. *Sarah*.
- 3. *Samuel*.
- 4. *Mary*.
- 5. *Ann*.
- 6. *Beulah*.
- 7. *John*.
- vii. MARGARET, b. ca. 1736, received £60 and a share of the residue from her mother's estate in 1768; m. SAMSON CARY, Jr., son of Samson Cary, of Falls Township, Bucks Co. Samson and Margaret (Walker) Cary had issue.

² For the Thornton family, see THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 15, pp. 153 ff.

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